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MAN OR BEAST?

In the multitude of counsellors there may be safety, provided always there is no ethnologist among them, and the point to be considered is not the simple humanity of black people. But given the great facial-angle question, with its shin-bone corollaries, and given also the disputants named in the history of races, and the configuration of the human form divine, and we have at once a middle of assertion and rejoinder sufficient to disturb the equilibrium of the most accurately poised intellect.

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Mr. Wheaton is narrating in the text from which the quotation is taken, the substance of the debates in Parliament between Sir J. Macintosh and Mr. Canning, the former attacking and the latter upholding the British Foreign Enlistment act.

It is therefore inexact to say that, during the time referred to by Wheaton, the provinces of South America bore the same legal and political relation to Spain that the Chespedes revolution in Cuba do, at this time, to that Government.

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things existed which required Congress to instruct the Executive to maintain therein neutrality.

It is plain to see that Mr. Carpenter appreciated at the outset the difficulty of maintaining his thesis, growing out of the fact that no department of the Government of the United States had recognized a war in Cuba, and accorded to each of the parties thereto what are popularly known as belligerent rights.

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public meetings in New York, much less Minister Sickles reports of his conversations with a Spanish Cabinet officer, an avowed intention to govern Cuba in a liberal way.

Now, whoever may be in fault for the Government's not being possessed of more facts regarding this very important foreign question, we ask, is the paltry summary given above a sufficient ground for the statements embodied in the message or for any other statements? And would not a mastery silence, or a candid avowal of ignorance, have been a more dignified position to assume than the bold, unqualified affirmations which fell like a wet blanket on the hopes of the country, and chilled the generous resolves which Congressmen were disposed to bring into their legislative action?

Congress will now be able to judge how much weight is to be attached to the conclusions drawn by the President and the Secretary of State, under the superintendence of Mr. Sidney Webster. They need have no fear of coming into collision with what is called official information, but may boldly proclaim, of their own motion, the existence of what has been made evident to the public for the last fourteen months, and at once grant belligerent rights to the infant Cuban republic, or, better yet, direct the proper recognition of its independence.

The first step after organizing which the trustees took was to survey the field of operations, and with that purpose Dr. Sears visited, in 1867, and afterwards, the seven Atlantic and Gulf States, beginning with the eastern portion of Virginia and ending with Louisiana.

It is unnecessary to go over the whole field embraced by Dr. Sears' report. The aid to the various States seems to have been given with great discrimination and care.

THE LATE EDWIN M. STANTON—MR. STEWART'S PROPOSITION.

On Saturday evening last, at a special meeting of the Union League Club, Mr. Charles Bull, Senior Vice-President, in the chair, a series of appropriate resolutions, offered by Mr. W. C. Bryant, were adopted, in recognition of the great public services of the late Edwin M. Stanton, after which, on motion of Colonel Le Grand Cannon, it was resolved that a committee of five be appointed to prepare an address, to be given before the club, on the life, character, and services of the late Secretary of War.

Mr. A. T. Stewart, a man who always has an eye to substantial business results, then took the floor, and moved that the same committee be requested to report any way of offering a further testimony of esteem to the deceased they may think fit.

This, we think, is what Mr. Stewart was aiming at in his resolution. The proposition is that of a patriot and a public benefactor; but we hold that something more than this is due in recognition of the public services of Stanton.

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